

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Iowa Western Community College

Application ID: 13ES145058

Program Name: Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) The applicant has effectively identified community partners that are most in need of the Capacity-Building activities through a community needs assessment conducted by each of its sites.
- (+) The applicant makes a convincing argument that Members are uniquely able to assist organizations because they are able to undertake long-term capacity-building projects unlike volunteers who mostly serve short terms or work on specific projects. Additionally, with training in volunteer management and community impact assessment, Members will be effective in linking resources with organizations to address community needs.
- (+) The applicant's request for 145 minimum-time slots and 25 quarter-time slots is closely aligned with the Member roles described.
- (+) The program is likely to positively impact the partner organizations by building their capacity in the areas of volunteer recruitment and management, impact assessment for program improvement, and connection with their communities.
- (-) The applicant does not provide sufficient detail about the extent to which their past success in volunteer recruitment has impacted partner organizations' ability to fill gaps in service.
- (-) The extent/severity of the need is unclear because the applicant provides limited data on the un-served and/or underserved population.